COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service"

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

February 23, 2006

2153599

FILE NO.:

SH2439883

FROM:

JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER

ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER

KENNETH J. BRAZILE, COMMANDER

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT:

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:

**DEPUTY JOSHUA CORRALES #** DEPUTY DEPUTY **CENTURY STATION** 

On August 28, 2005, Century Station deputies responded to a location regarding a family disturbance call. Deputy Corrales arrived first and contacted the suspect who was standing outside the location. While awaiting additional units, Deputy Corrales spoke with the suspect and noted that the suspect displayed signs of a mental disorder. The suspect walked back toward the residence and when Deputies and arrived, the three deputies walked up to the apartment to re-contact the suspect.

For no apparent reason, the suspect ran directly at Deputy Corrales at which time all three deputies grabbed the suspect and took him to the ground. Once on the ground, the suspect struggled, fought and kicked the deputies. Deputies and punched the suspect in the head and facial area several times, but that did not stop the suspect's resistance and violent attack on the deputies. Sergeants and Anderson arrived and saw the suspect still fighting with the deputies. Sergeant deployed the TASER, which was effective, and the suspect was handcuffed without further incident.

The suspect was transported to Charter Suburban Hospital where he was examined and diagnosed with a fractured left elbow. No deputies were injured.

On February 23, 2006, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP § 3-01/025.00: Use of Force; MMP § 3-01/025.10: Unreasonable Force; and MMP § 3-01/050.10: Performance to Standards. Concerning:

MMP § 3-01/025.00: Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10: Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by the deputy was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy. MMP § 3-01/050.10: Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by the deputies in this incident were within Department Policy.

G. Jurado, Commander

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#### **EXHIBITS**

- A. COPY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT, SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS, MEMORANDUM DOCUMENTING MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR SUSPECT WALLACE, AND CONSOLIDATED CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORT SYSTEM PRINTOUT.
- B. COPY OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSEPCT WALLACE AND CD CONTAINING ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS.
- C. COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH OF LOCATION EUCLID AVENUE LYNWOOD).
- D. CD AUDIO TAPE CONTAINING CENTURY RADIO TRAFFIC OF INCIDENT.

## MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
USE OF FORCE: SIGNIFICANT
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IAB CASE NUMBER FO2153599
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On Monday, August 29, 2005, Sergeants Marshall W. Baird and Rick Smith of Internal Affairs Bureau responded to Century Station regarding a significant use of force, fractured left elbow. Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Ben Seno also responded. The Office of Independent Review was notified, but did not respond.

Century Station Deputies Corrales, and were involved in an altercation with a male suspect who assaulted them with his hands and feet. As the deputies attempted to control the suspect, a struggle ensued, which resulted in a take down. During the struggle the suspect sustained a broken left elbow. The suspect was also shot with a Department issued X-26 Taser by Sergeant

The summary of this incident is based on information obtained from reports and other documents regarding Century Station file number 505-15019-2116-050, and suspect interview (*Refer to Exhibit A*).

#### INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Field Operations Region II
Century Station

CORRALES, Joshua, Deputy #
Field Operations Region II
Century Station

Deputy #
Field Operations Region II
Century Station

Sergeant #
Field Operations Region II
Century Station

WORK HISTORY

Date of Employment
Date Assigned to Patrol

04-23-1998

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#### SUSPECT

WALLACE, Michael MB/36, Booking #8714610

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Suspect Michael Walface has limited criminal background. A check of his CCHRS (Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System) revealed that Walface He has

been convicted for one misdemeanor stemming from this case and is currently on probation. Please refer to Wallace' CCHRS printout attached in Exhibit A for additional details.

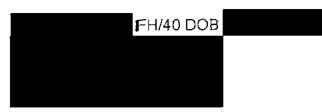
#### <u>WITNESSES</u>

#### EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

ANDERSON, Teresa R., Sergeant # Field Operations Region II Century Station

## CIVILIAN WITNESSES

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY



#### **INJURIES**

#### WALLACE, Michael

- Fractured left elbow
- Soft tissue damage to his nose
- Puncture wound sustained from the taser

Suspect Wallace was first examined at the location by Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics from Squad 147. He was subsequently transported via ambulance to Saint Francis Medical Center for treatment. Dr. Newman examined and treated Suspect Wallace for his injuries. Dr. Newman said the injuries Wallace sustained were consistent with the force used by the deputies (*Refer to memorandum*, *Exhibit A*).

IAB NOTE: The Los Angeles County Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Report prepared by paramedics indicates that Suspect Wallace informed them that he sustained the injury to his left arm from a "prior incident" involving his Exhibit A).

None of the deputies involved in this incident sustained any injuries.

### PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

No physical evidence was collected at the scene.

### **INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS**

While interviewing Suspect Wallace we observed the injuries as previously described. The injuries to Suspect Wallace were photographed (*Refer to Exhibit B*).

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy
Utilized control holds and personal weapons (hands/fist)

Deputy Corrales, Joshua
Utilized control holds and personal weapons (hands/fist)

Deputy

Utilized control holds and personal weapons (hands/fist)

Sergeant Utilized Department authorized X26 Taser.

#### WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT

Suspect Wallace used his hands and feet to assault the deputies.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

None.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED

Investigators Name <u>Unknown</u>

Court L.A. Superior Court - Compton Charges Filed PC 273.5 (A) and PC 148 (A)

Court Date <u>09-02-2005</u>

Case Number COM5CM0607301

IAB NOTE: On September 2, 2005, Suspect Wallace was convicted and

sentenced to sixty days in LA County Jail and placed on summary probation for 36 months for 273.5 PC. The charge of

148 (A) PC was dismissed in furtherance of justice.

## LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The Incident occurred during darkness. The weather was warm and clear.

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEES' STATEMENTS

Deputy was interviewed on August 29, 2005, at approximately 0250 hours, by Sergeants Marshall Baird and Rick Smith of Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was conducted at Century Station and the following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy said he responded to the location regarding a keep the peace/family disturbance call. When he arrived, he contacted Witness She told him that she and Suspect Wallace had been arguing and had been involved in a physical confrontation. She also informed him that Wallace is "mentally ill" and had not been taking his medication for the past three months. She said Wallace has been becoming

increasingly angry with her. Witness told to the state of her face with his left elbow.
Deputy said he first contacted Wallace outside of the residence ( <i>Refer to photographs, Exhibit C</i> ) and immediately noticed that his behavior was erratic. After conversing with him for a brief period, said Wallace became visibly upset and walked into his residence. Wallace then picked up the phone and told that he was going to call "911" and file a complaint against him.
Deputy said that shortly thereafter, Deputy Corrales arrived and they positioned themselves on the outside of the doorway. He said Corrales attempted to calm Wallace by talking to him. said that as Corrales spoke with Wallace, he contacted Sergeant via his radio and asked him to respond ( <b>Refer to audio CD</b> , <b>Exhibit D</b> ). He said Deputy then arrived.
Deputy said as the three of them continued to talk with Wallace from outside of the residence, Wallace walked toward the front door and for no apparent reason lunged at Deputy Corrales. Said in an effort to stop Wallace from attacking Corrales, he grabbed Wallace's right arm. Simultaneous with this, he saw Corrales grab onto Wallace's left arm. He said as they struggled to overcome Wallace's resistance, he and Wallace fell to the ground with his back up against a fence.  Said as he hit the ground, he realized that his left leg was pinned underneath Wallace. Believing that he was trapped and since Wallace refused the deputies commands to stop struggling punched Wallace on the top of his head several times with his fist. He then heard Deputy yell out, "Stop kicking me," several times. He then struck Wallace one more time in the head with his fist to stop the assault on
Deputy said that as Wallace continued to struggle, he (Wallace) was able to stand up and managed to briefly free himself from their grasp. He said he believed that Deputy then struck the suspect with his fist in the face, which allowed them to regain control. He said moments later Sergeant arrived and deployed the taser, striking the suspect in the upper torso. He said that Wallace was subsequently subdued and handcuffed without further incident.
Deputy Corrales, Joshua
Deputy Corrales was interviewed on August 29, 2005, at approximately 0200 hours by Sergeants Marshall Baird and Rick Smith of Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was conducted at Century Station and the following is a summary of that interview:

On August 28, 2005, Deputy Corrales said he responded to Euclid Avenue Lynwood regarding a "keep the peace" call. When he arrived he saw Deputy standing in front of the doorway of the residence (location). He said that

informed him that he was conducting a spousal assault investigation and that the suspect was inside.

Deputy Corrales said that as he peered into the residence he saw that the suspect was standing in the 1iving room yelling into a telephone and saying something about police misconduct. Corrales said the suspect appeared "belligerent and "hallucinogenic." He also said that Wallace was pacing back and forth in the living room.

Deputy Corrales said as they stood in the doorway observing the suspect, advised him that he had requested a field sergeant to respond to the location. Corrales said he then initiated another request via Sheriff's radio, L-Tac, for the sergeant to bring a taser.

Deputy Corrales said that while waiting for the field sergeant to arrive, Wallace began walking quickly toward them, ignoring instructions to stop and stand still. He said as Wallace reached the doorway and was within arms reach, he lunged toward them without warning. Corrales said he stopped Wallace's forward motion by grabbing onto his left arm in an attempt to guide him to the ground. As he did this, he said Wallace held himself up by grabbing onto a fence just outside of the doorway and continued to ignore the deputies instructions to stop resisting.

Deputy Corrales said he then grabbed onto Wallace' left arm and pushed it down towards the ground. As he did this, Deputy stepped in and grabbed onto Wallace's lower legs and lifted them out from under him, which caused Wallace to loose his balance, allowing the deputies to briefly pin him down on the ground.

Deputy Corrales said that Wallace then began yelling profanities and attempted to break free by thrashing about. He then saw Wallace kick Deputy on his left knee with the heel of his right foot approximately four times, in an obvious attempt to cause injury to Deputy As a result of the kicks, Corrales said lost his balance and fell against a fence, hitting his back. He said Wallace then attempted to stand up. Corrales said he then broadcast to Century deputies via Sheriff's radio that they were involved in a fight.

Deputy Corrales said as Wallace continued to stand up, punched Wallace in the face, which said stunned Wallace momentarily. He said that during the struggle Deputy arrived, and with his assistance, Wallace was forced once again to the ground. Corrales said Wallace continued to yell and once again attempted to push himself up.

Deputy Corrales said that when Sergeant arrived he deployed the taser, striking Wallace in the upper torso. He said as the taser cycled through, Wallace stopped resisting and was handcuffed by Deputy without further incident.

Deputy	
Deputy was interviewed on August 29, 2005, at approximately 0230 hours, by Sergeants Marshall Baird and Rick Smith of Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was conducted at Century Station and the following is a summary of that interview:	
Deputy said he responded to the location to assist Deputies and Corrales regarding a "keep the peace" call. When he arrived he saw and Corrales standing outside of the doorway of the residence. As he reached the doorway, said he could see that the suspect was on the phone, yelling and screaming. He described Wallace's behavior as "acting a little crazy." He said Corrales then got on the radio and made a request for the field supervisor to respond with a taser.	
Deputy said as he turned to look for the sergeant, he heard Corrales say, "Stop." As he turned back towards the doorway, he saw Wallace coming out of the house and had engaged Corrales. He said grabbed onto the left side of Wallace as Corrales grabbed onto the left side and a struggle ensued. Seeing this, said he grabbed onto Wallace's feet and assisted in forcing him to the ground. As he let go of his feet, said Wallace kicked him four times in the knee and left leg. He said yelled at Wallace several times to stop kicking him.	
Deputy said that at some point during the struggle, he was able to strike Wallace in the face with his fist twice. He said moments later, Sergeant arrived and deployed the taser. He said that after the deployment of the taser, Wallace stopped resisting and was handcuffed without further incident.	
Sergeant	
Sergeant said that on August 28, 2005, at approximately 1850 hours, he was working as the field sergeant for the Lynwood city area when he received a request via "L-TAC" to respond to Euclid Avenue, Lynwood. He said the unit making the request asked him to respond with the taser. Said when he asked the unit f they needed a "Code 3" response, they replied, "Yes." He said the voice of the deputy making the request sounded as if he was in a "tense situation."	
Sergeant said that as he neared the location, a request for assistance was broadcast indicating that the deputies at the location were involved in a fight. As he arrived at the location, said he grabbed the taser and ran down the driveway towards the apartment listed in the call.	
Sergeant said as he got to the deputies location, he saw the three deputies trying subdue the suspect. He said the deputies were yelling at the suspect to stop resisting and to put his arms behind his back. He also said he saw the suspect kicking at Deputiend trying to free his hands from the deputies. Said he did see Deputy punch at Wallace, but was unable to see if the punches landed.	

said he then moved in and yelled "taser, taser, taser," and prepared to Sergeant deploy his taser. After yelling out, the deputies released their hold on the suspect. He said he immediately deployed his taser, striking the suspect in the upper torso. After the effects of the taser wore off, the suspect was handcuffed without further incident. WITNESSES STATEMENTS

#### SWORN WITNESS

Sergeant Anderson, Teresa
On August 28, 2005, at approximately 1850 hours, Sergeant Anderson said she responded to Euclid Avenue Lynwood along with Sergeant on the request made by Deputy via L-TAC. A few seconds later Deputy updated the request asking for the taser.
Sergeant Anderson said that as she and Sergeant were driving up to the location, Deputy requested assistance, advising that deputies were involved in a fight. When they arrived, she and ran down the driveway and saw three deputies attempting to subdue Suspect Wallace in front of apartment She said the suspect was on his back kicking and struggling with the deputies.
Sergeant Anderson said that Sergeant then yelled, "taser, taser," at which time he fired the taser at the suspect. She said that after the taser cycled through, the suspect began to engage the deputies again until told him he would activate the taser again if he did not comply. The suspect complied with the deputies were able to handcuff him without further incident.
<u>CIVILIAN WITNESS</u>

(Suspect Wallace) is mentally ill and had not been Witness said her taking his prescribed medication for the past three months. She said that since he stopped taking his medication, he has become increasingly hostile toward her. said that prior to the deputies arrival, they got into an argument. At some point during the argument, she said Wallace struck her on the left side of her face with his elbow for no apparent reason.

said she did not see any of the force used by the deputies; however, Witness she said that Suspect Wallace was acting bizarre when the deputies arrived.

#### SUSPECT STATEMENTS

#### Wallace, Michael

Suspect Michael Wallace was interviewed on August 29, 2005, at approximately 0220 hours, by Sergeants Marshall Baird and Rick Smith of Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was conducted at CRDF and the following is a summary of that interview:

Suspect Wallace said that earlier in the evening, he and his two Witness got into an argument. He said that at some point she called '911." When the deputies arrived he alleged that Deputy threatened him with a taser. He said that based on the threats, he called "911," three or more times.

Suspect Wallace said he then exited his residence to contact Deputy and and when he did the deputies took him to the ground, injuring his left arm. Wallace said that at some point he was "shot with the taser."

Suspect Wallace said that during the struggle he was punched in the face by one of the deputies. When asked if he had fought with the deputies, Wallace replied, "No." When asked if the deputies told him to stop fighting or resisting, Wallace would not respond.

Suspect Wallace also said he has never been under the care of a psychiatrist nor has he ever been prescribed psychiatric medication.

#### MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

None.